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Application Number	
Filing Date	10/11/01
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An Intervertebral Spacer Device Utilizing a Spirally Slotted Belleville Washer Having Radially Spaced Concentric Grooves

(Title of the Invention)

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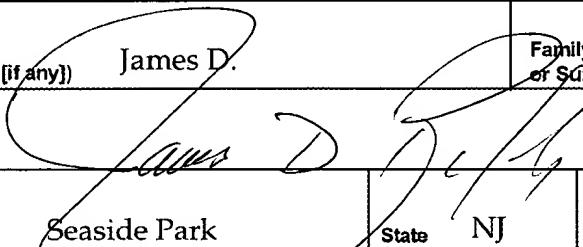
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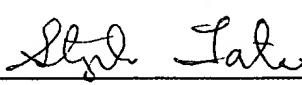
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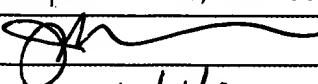
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